

# THE BRANDON MAIL

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BRANDON, MAN., THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1894.

FIVE CENTS

## COUGHS

## COLDS

Are in season now,  
prevent them by using  
**Fleming's Syrup of Tar**  
Easy To Take and bene-  
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**FLEMING & SONS**  
CHEMISTS,  
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H. J. HARRIS, Municipal Clerk, Office  
at the City Hall, Brandon, Man.

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DENTAL.

FOR SALE AND TO LET.

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## Magnetic-Therapeutic Cure.

After my return from Regina, where I  
cured His Honor, The Lieutenant-  
Governor, for Sciatica, I am willing to  
stay some time in Brandon and attend to  
patients who might wish to be benefited  
through my Magnetic Cure, pro-  
viding a sufficient number of ladies and  
gentlemen desire my services. I guarantee  
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will find classes to suit them at the Aca-  
demy. Young men of the class who have  
courage to start make good progress.  
Classes are also formed for the different  
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nical examinations. Preliminary and Medi-  
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Butter in 5, 10, 15, and 20 lb.  
packages.

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Because you are sick, and want to get  
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Then remember, that Hoods Sarsapa-  
rilla Cures.

All we ask is, that in taking Hoods  
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rance equaling or approaching the tena-  
city with your complaint has clung to you.  
It takes time and care to eradicate old  
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the system that they have become chronic.  
Remember that all permanent and positive  
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diseases vigorously and never leaves the  
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Trotter's Ointment, Jan. 2, 1890.

Dear Sir—For a number of years I  
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Lotion Root Pills." I consider them the  
very best for "Family Use," and all my  
customers speak highly of them.

Yours truly,  
R. L. Lawrence

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In every case of dyspepsia, where it has  
been fairly tried, Burdock Blood Bitters  
has performed a complete cure. B.B.B.  
cures where other remedies fail.

**The Best Tonic**  
Malbury's Chinese Wine is the best  
tonic for weakness, debility and lack of  
strength. It is an appetizing tonic of the  
highest merit.

**High Healing Powers are pos-  
sessed by Victoria Carbolic Salve.**  
No cure for Burns, Scalds, Bruises,  
sores and Wounds.

Dr. Lee's Pleasant Worm Syrup re-  
moves worms of all kinds from children  
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Text book cough can be quickly  
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## City Council.

A meeting of the above council was  
held on Monday, this being the meeting  
that should have been held on Labor day.

Present, the Mayor, Alds. Kealy, Kelly  
Reeser, Cameron, Durst, Caldwell and  
Halpin. Minutes of previous meeting  
read and confirmed.

**REPORTS.**

**FINANCE AND ASSESSMENT.**  
Your committee beg to report and re-  
commend that the following accounts be  
paid:

W. H. Hellyar, insurance, \$8.75  
H. E. Henderson, disbursements, 45.40  
And that the give explanation on dis-  
bursements to agents item of \$20.85.

That city solicitor communicate re-  
claim deeds registered from C.P. R. to  
city be filed.

That C.A. Scinson's communication re-  
sinking fund be filed.

That J.A. Christie's communication of  
19th March be reassessed be filed.

The chairman of the committee ad-  
vised for applicants for the position of  
assessor and the salary be \$250 per year  
without extras, and that applications be  
in the hands of chairman on or before 1st  
Oct. next at noon. Report adopted.

**LICENSE, POLICE, HEALTH AND RELIEF.**  
Your committee beg to report and re-  
commend that the following accounts be  
paid:

Brandon Times, \$5.50  
That the amount of license paid by  
Messrs. Nation, White and Hickling be  
refunded.

That the amount of unexpired portion  
of license paid by H. Charlton be not re-  
funded and that the clerk write License  
Committee for reasons why such re-  
fund should be made and also copy of  
order. Report adopted.

**BOARD OF WORKS AND MARKET.**  
Your committee beg to report and re-  
commend that the following accounts be  
paid:

A.E. McKenzie, bal on ties, \$8.15  
That report of weighmaster for two  
weeks ending 15th Sept, showing re-  
ceipts of \$5.35, be received and filed.

That the chairman of this committee be  
authorized to repair sidewalks on Rosser  
Ave. between Cor. 9th St. and Durst and  
Christie's artificial sidewalk in the best  
manner he deems proper.

That chairman of this committee see  
Mr. Miller and offer him 1.12 per sq  
yard to put in the Manitoba Paving Co.  
sidewalk on same level as Durst and  
Christie's, to correspond in every particu-  
lar.

That Sumerville & Co's communication  
be filed and that he be notified that there  
is no appropriation for this year.

That D. Davidson and Orchard be noti-  
fied similarly.

That 9th St. in the vicinity of N. P.  
elevator be fixed to the extent of \$10,  
less if possible. Report adopted.

**FIRE, WATER AND LIGHT.**  
Your committee beg to report and re-  
commend that the following accounts be  
paid:

Electric Light Co., \$76.01  
Brown & Mitchell, 4.83  
Fleming & Sons, 1.90

The committee be authorized to elect  
three City Councillors to manage of Elec-  
tric Light Co. and ascertain terms of in-  
crease number of lights on streets, and  
to be used only when streets are dark  
and moon not shining, and report next  
meeting. Report adopted.

**REPAIRS.**  
That the committee be authorized to hire  
a team of horses to water the streets,  
on account of the water injured.

That the water meters on C.P.R.  
be repaired.

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## A Chapter of Accidents.

It is seldom we are called upon to re-  
cord so great a number of accidents, many  
of them being of a sad nature, in the  
space of a few days. Much could be said  
as to how the accidents could have been  
avoided, but let the facts of each case  
teach their own lesson.

**THROWN FROM A BUGGY.**  
Rev. H. C. Mason and H. S. Trumble  
had a narrow escape from being seriously  
hurt last Thursday afternoon. While  
on driving they had occasion to pass  
over 1st St. bridge, and as they approach-  
ed, a wagon with a white linen top  
emerged from under the bridge on the  
right side, evidently coming from the  
water. The horse they were driving got  
fright and instantly wheeled round to the  
left, crushing the buggy tight and deposit-  
ing their passengers in a very uncon-  
monious manner in the ditch. They  
escaped with a few sore bones, the horse  
and buggy also being very little worse for  
their tumbling.

**A FALL FROM A STEEP LADDER.**  
Prof. McKee, of the Academy, sustain-  
ed a bad fall on Saturday. While fixing  
some stove pipes, to be in readiness for  
Monday, the step-ladder he was using  
broke. Mr. McKee falling on his back.  
The doctor has visited him a number of  
times, but reports him not very seriously  
hurt, although it will unfit him for teach-  
ing for a few weeks.

**SHOT HIMSELF IN THE LEG.**  
A shooting accident that occurred on  
Saturday has laid Mr. J. T. Somerville  
on a bed of pain for some weeks. He  
and a friend went out after chickens, they  
had a loaded gun with them in the rig  
and as they were driving over the prairie  
the one side of the buggy dropped into a  
hole, throwing Mr. Somerville out, but  
just how the affair happened is not known.  
However the gun went off, the charge  
entering the thigh. At last report he  
was doing very well.

**A BROKEN LEG.**  
Mr. Frank Merritt, who lives a short  
distance from town and who is well  
known here, is suffering with a broken  
leg, the result of being thrown from his  
rig while the horse was running away.

**SHOOTING A HORSE.**  
Mr. J. Barchill or someone else is  
minus a living horse to day. It appears  
he was out driving and the horse got  
away, breaking the shafts, part of which  
entered the animal's body. It was found  
the injuries were not serious, totally  
unfitting the horse for further use, con-  
sequently it was shot.

**IN THE HOSPITAL.**  
Mr. H. J. Hill, dispatcher in the post  
office, is now lying in the hospital with  
a bad wound. He was driving out into  
the country on Sunday morning with Mr.  
Trumble when they met a covered milk  
wagon coming into town, at which their  
horse took fright. The driver managed to  
guide the horse straight across the ditch,  
but the sudden turn threw him headlong  
into the fence corner. He held on to the  
horns, however, but the jerk turned the  
horse again, and he fell on the other  
side of the rig, falling on his face.  
His nose was cut, extending from the  
bridge to the lip. He was immediately  
taken to the hospital. It will be some  
time before he is around again.

**A SHELL IN A STORE.**  
The little daughter of E. A. Walcotts,  
5th St., had a little shooting affair last  
Sunday. It appears she had found a  
shell, which she placed in the stove,  
and of course the shell exploded,  
shattering the stove some what and a few  
of the hot contents of the arm of the little  
girl. She will be all right soon.

**Provincial and Territorial.**

**Hamota is going to have a Farmers'  
elevator.**

Mr. J. J. Elliott, of Viola, Dids, sold  
nine head of cattle last week to Mr. Reid,  
of Brandon, for shipment to Montreal.

John B. Craig, of Griswold, Oneida  
County, of Birtle, and Peter Savelle, of  
the Municipality of Birtle, have been ap-  
pointed game guardians.

The Ock River fall show is to be held  
on the 28th inst.

Farmers should be watchful for prairie  
fires and protect their stacks by the use  
of guards, remembering this is the season  
for sportsmen when a burning match, a  
stub of a lighted cigar or the embers of a  
camp fire left carelessly in such dry windy  
weather might cause the loss of a  
summer's hard labor.

It is reported on good authority that  
Mr. Bushfield, of the Creamery, has sent  
of the Farmers' elevator, Rapid City,  
from the Com. and that he will com-  
mence running it at once for storage. He  
will also buy grain, and will advance  
nearly the full price of wheat stored with  
him if so requested. Look out for further  
particulars next week.

Rapid City fall show on the 10th of Oct.  
Rapid City sawmill has cut 500,000  
feet of lumber this year.

Last week Mr. D. McNaught received  
instructions to purchase a certain class  
of horses for the French market. The kind  
required were clean limbed, blocky horses  
about 15 hands high, weighing 1,500 lbs.  
A large number of such horses are re-  
quired for which good prices would be  
paid, but unfortunately our farmers do  
not breed such horses. Scrabs, and  
great heavy, hairy-legged, ungainly  
clayes can be had in abundance, but there  
is no sale for such.—Rapid City Reporter.

Brandon Bros, living south of Hamota,  
have 700 acres of wheat which they ex-  
pect to yield thirty bushels to the acre.—Free  
Press.

## A Shooting Affray.

Very early on Sunday morning Mr.  
George Miles, milk dealer on 18th St.,  
was awakened by hearing a noise in one  
of the rooms of his house. Thinking it  
was his son, he had no head, but he so  
became suspicious, and getting up, went  
to the top of the stairs, and as he did so  
was startled to hear some voice loudly  
command him to stand back. Knowing by  
this that there was an intruder, he called  
down stairs, when he and the burglar  
came together. In the struggle Mr.  
Miles was fired at three times by the  
burglar, one grazing the top of his head,  
another his arm, and the third going com-  
pletely through his left hand. By this  
time Mr. Miles, on hearing his father's  
shouts for help came in, and in the scuffle  
which ensued, grabbed the revolver from  
the would-be murderer's hand, and fired  
at him twice, both shots taking effect, one  
entering his cheek and passing to the  
back of the neck, the other entered his  
clavicle and lodged in the liver bone.

The man was bound with ropes, and  
held until policeman Hanna arrived, then  
he was taken to the police station, where  
he was kept for some time. He was  
driven to the Police Station and subse-  
quently removed to the jail where he  
would be detained, neither of whom are  
serious.

No satisfactory reason for  
the attack upon Mr. Miles, in case can be  
got from the prisoner other than that he  
was passing his place early on Sunday  
morning and felt cold and tired, and that  
he was drunk. The prisoner was up for  
preliminary trial on Monday afternoon  
before P. Magistrate Todd where the evi-  
dence was taken in that he had entered  
the house by the back door, and had gone  
through some of the rooms, making a pile  
of what things he wished to carry away.

It is evident he entered the house twice,  
the first time taking out a trunk and  
breaking it, ransacking its contents, not  
finding anything to take he entered again,  
this time taking a box and the contents  
only finding however, about \$2.15. He  
had a knife in his right hand, which he  
used when he was interrogated by Mr. Miles.

Mr. Todd in closing the case said there  
was sufficient evidence before him to com-  
mit the prisoner to stand trial at the next  
criminal assizes, two indictments being  
against him, one for burglary, the other  
attempted murder.

In the prisoner's possession were found  
a few articles that would lead to the  
suspect him as a hard character. He  
says this is the first charge he ever was  
in. He had secured in his person \$10.25  
an electric lamp, a paper of white paper  
and a box of new pocket knives.

The reporter had a little confab with  
the boy, for he is only a boy, very young  
looking and probably not more than 19  
years old. His name is C. G. G. G. G.  
born in Pembroke, Ont., but has never  
been there in the last thirteen years.  
Some of this time being spent in New York  
around the world, visiting the wilds of  
Australia, the great cities of the Orient,  
and working



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### THE FREE PRESS AS AN APOLOGIST.

The Winnipeg Free Press does not take very kindly to an article in the Mail of two weeks ago, criticising M. Laurier's Winnipeg speech on the tariff issue. The Mail stated in the days of Grit rule the tariff on implements was 17 1/2% and now it is but 20, and before the farmers should place confidence in M. Laurier and associates, they should be certain these gentlemen had learned wisdom from past experience, and were now prepared to repudiate their past policy, which, of course, would be a humiliating enough spectacle. The Free Press says the duty on implements is now more than 20% "that on a binder selling in the States for \$80, the duty is \$20. It is simply nothing of the kind. An advance on invoices on some kinds of implements is made at the customs, but, as the boys say, binders are not in it. The dealers here assure us, binders sold in the States at \$80 or any other figure, are accepted at the same figure by the customs officials and pay but 20% on that figure only. There is no use tooting about this, brother, for political capital—an application to importers and customs officials and hear our what we say."

But we are told that "under a Liberal administration a farmer will not be required to pay an extra \$20 (\$10 of \$20 as the fact shows) on his binder." That is exactly the information the people want, and if the Free Press knows more about the intentions of the Grit party than M. Laurier does, as it professes to do, it is from that superior knowledge the people want light. In Winnipeg Mr. Laurier said in effect when he and his Gritto office they would see what could be done, but with its corrupt powers the F. P. sees in advance of the leader. In the former days of Grit rule the duty on a binder was 17 1/2% or about \$9 on the implements as they were then sold for three times what they are now, and now it is 20%. We repeat the people want to hear from M. Laurier himself, and not from his coat-tail, the F. P., where he intends to split the difference.

Next the F. P. quotes our statement of the deficits of the Mackenzie regime, but does it by quoting the deficits of 75-76, 76-77, 77-78, three years only totalling \$4,488,928. It is true they had no deficit in 74-75, for the very good reason the estimates for the receipts and expenditures for that year were made by their predecessors, and they had only "to walk the chalk" laid down for them. Had they done the same thing the remaining years of their administration, they would have escaped the notoriety they subsequently secured. The F. P. however forgets to note the deficit of 78-79, which followed the decrease of the government, and chargeable for the reason the Mackenzie government made the estimates and expenditures for that year, before leaving office, just as the Conservative government had made them for the first year Mackenzie was in power. This deficit was \$1,936,999 which added to the F. P.'s admission makes a total of \$6,425,927, or \$1,285,333 or very nearly the million and a half a year as the Mail stated. The F. P. will always find the Mail at home in its honest and fair dealing with government financing.

### WHY A CHANGE.

In the opinion of the average reader, it would be well if the Grit newspapers at Winnipeg, the Tribune and the Free Press, would give the public some of the benefits Canada would derive from a change of government at Ottawa under M. Laurier, besides a "Liberal Government" and offices to a new set of office seekers. There is no sense in clamouring for a change and allowing benefits in undefined quantities—the people are looking for specific benefits. There certainly were none vouchsafed in the Winnipeg speech, and if the prints have nothing more definite they might as well "tie up their whistles." The Northwest for instance, wants the Hudson's Bay R.R. and M. Laurier says in effect his friends would do in part what the present government has already done, have an investigation into the feasibility of the route and nothing more, while already the present government has found it quite feasible to serve all the interests of this country, and has practically guaranteed a subsidy of \$1,600,000 cash and a land grant for its construction.

We ask for lower freight rates and M. Laurier rides through the country in a free private car and, says let us have free

trade with the United States, and see what that will do. When it comes to action on the part of the Grit party in office he says "we are mere flies on the wheel."

We ask for a final settlement of the school agitation and he says "I find the schools in force are Protestant I will do something," while at the moment he knows as well as man can know whether or not they are Protestant.

The present government has done something serviceable in the reduction of duties, and M. Laurier says we will give you a revenue tariff—nothing more, while the present tariff meets demands and nothing more.

Here is what a great bulk of the Canadian people are looking for. Free agricultural implements and lumber, free grain, coal oil, wire, &c., with a reduction in superannuations, high departmental salaries, contingencies and general governmental machinery equivalent to the loss of duty in consequence of the tariff abatements named. If M. Laurier is not prepared to give these, the country can profit nothing by his advent to office. This thing of jumping at random has worked marvellously in Manitoba already, to give the present generation all the experience they require. Many complained of the Norway government when in power, just as they do of the present government at Ottawa, because they felt many changes would be desirable in the public welfare, and they trusted to the pledges of the Opposition to make them. To their sorrow, however, the people find they have been most ignominiously betrayed, and one betrayal in a lifetime is enough. If when the pledges of the present day "Liberals" cannot be trusted, there is the greater necessity for care, when the people have but open undefined promises to rely on. Not under the circumstances the Grit prints at Winnipeg had better go back to their leaders again for better information as to their policy as children once must remember for many days the effect of fire. In Greenway, Sifton & Co. the people have samples of "Liberals," that will serve the curiosity of the present generation.

### THE SCHOOL QUESTION.

We publish in other columns the manifesto of the Roman Catholics of the province on the educational question, and the reply of the government as far as given.

The situation summed up is simply this: The government deprived the Catholics of a separate system of education that has been in force under law for nearly 20 years, and under the guise of secularizing the schools of the country forced the Protestant school regulations previously in force in the country on all, merely substituting the words *Public Schools* for Protestant Schools. This change confiscates the Catholic school properties they bought and paid for by their own taxation, and they ask for a return to the old system, claiming that no education can be complete separated from religious teaching, and from their point of view, without Catholic teaching.

That the government acted constitutionally in abolishing the separate school system is proven by the decision of the Privy Council, and in the interest of the country as a whole it will be generally admitted, though the steps taken to secure that abolition were surrounded by some of the most disgraceful proceedings that ever took place in any civilized country. That the government did another indefensible act in confiscating Catholic school properties they bought and paid for out of their own taxes, is a fact no fair man can deny.

In refusing to patronize schools that employ religious teaching to which they object, the Catholics have taken strong and reasonable ground. The mistake the government made in abolishing the separate school regulations lay in their not abolishing the Protestant schools also, and framing a new set of regulations on a wholly secularized basis altogether. Until all denominations can agree on a form of religious exercises in schools, religious exercises of every form, in justice to all, should be discontinued, and then all would stand on common ground. If religious exercises are employed they must be acceptable to all, in a single system of school; if none such can be agreed on, the only fair way is abolish them altogether.

### THE QUESTION OF THE HOUR.

It cannot be gainsayed that during the past few sessions of the House, Canada has had its share of those scandals that appear to be inseparable from government on the political lines prevailing. We had then equally prominent and less defensible during the Mackenzie regime, and in all conscience in their own maturity we have them equally prominent in the Manitoba Legislature. It cannot be denied, too, that the tariff is not all the people require. The changes made in the interests of agriculture have proved themselves beneficial, but they have not gone far enough. It is also patent that our governmental machinery has grown too

heavy, and requires overhauling and pruning; but in all sincerity we must say that from the utterances of M. Laurier there is no shadow of hope the country need look for any beneficial changes from his party. It is true that in dealing with importation that affects agriculture he speaks of tariff reductions to a revenue basis, but he declares nothing. In his time he had 17 1/2% on articles affecting the farmer that now pay 20%, but that was not enough for revenue as his government fell annually behind a million and a half of dollars. To raise the necessary revenue that 17 1/2% would have to be increased. It is true to help the poor man out, the Mackenzie government let in oil paintings free, while he taxed his tea 30 per cent, 6 cents a pound specific duty.

The people of Canada while desiring some changes, want to be sure of where they are likely to land before they leap.

### WALLACE ADVOCATES PROTECTION.

Toronto, Sept. 12.—Hon. N. C. Wallace, speaking at a meeting of his supporters in this city to-night, said the Conservative party wanted nothing to do with the United States. They still believe in the policy of protection and could not let it out on those lines every time. He declared that protection had built up Toronto and other principal cities of Canada.

If Mr. Wallace is reported aright above he is simply flying in the face of Canada's best interests and the general record of the Conservative party.

All along the policy of the Conservative party has been to secure an equitable reciprocity with the United States, if possible. The utterances of the great leaders of the party too when introducing protection were that it would be continued only until the manufactures were on their feet and able to meet competition, which it is fully proven they are able to do now. If this conservative party are beaten in the next general election, the body of the party must lay the responsibility for it on the doors of smart Aicks in the cabinet. The great majority of the people of Canada are to-day crying for reduced duties, and if the country is forced into a calamity through the advent of grism to power the electors must blame a few leaders who profess to know more than the whole of Canada, and not themselves.

We have a communication from Mr. Beathwell dealing with a former article we had on the Patrons' binding twine. As we have dealt with the matter in another article, it is unnecessary to publish the letter. The Patrons can trace it all to the inspiration of Merrick, Anderson & Co., Winnipeg.

A couple of weeks ago, taking our information from an article in the Winnipeg Commercial, we criticised adversely the binding twine deal of the Patrons this year. It now transpires the whole drift of the article is not only misleading in some particulars, but absolutely incorrect in others. It appears the Patrons did not import themselves, but bought through a house in this city. It turns out also the Patrons did not have to pay the prices the Commercial charges they did and that the twine is 600 ft. to the pound not 500 as the Commercial has it. The fact is the article in the Commercial was either written or inspired by Merrick, Anderson & Co., Winnipeg, and their false inspiration is the result of a feeling because they were unable to make the deal with the Patrons themselves. The Commercial too should see to it that when it is handling a question of this character it gets facts for its foundation.

Many of the public would like to know what excuse the government have for appointing Dr. Gillies superintendent of the Brandon asylum. Some months ago they were asked to fill the position with a Winnipeg man, and the reply of Mr. Robt. Watson was they had promised it to Dr. Matheson, and they should give it to him. They did give Dr. Matheson the promise of it, and on the strength of that promise he went to the Old Country to take a special course, to better fit him for the responsibilities of the charge at a very heavy drain on his purse, for a young man, and will now come back to find a promise betrayed and the office filled. From the start it was but justice that the position should have been given to some experienced resident practitioner, or at least offered to one, if one could be found to accept it. Failing this, however, the promise to Dr. Matheson should have been tightly observed. This, however, is another evidence of the manipulating capabilities of Mr. Sifton, and the subservience of Mr. Adams.

Hon. Mr. Laurier's Winnipeg speech is furnishing texts for endless editorials in newspapers all over the Dominion, which goes to show that the Liberal leader is a man of eminence, whose opinions on public questions carry great weight—Free Press.

No it is not because Mr. Laurier's speeches "carry great weight," they furnish "texts" for opposition editorials, as in reality the only weight they have is

their poetic flowers and profusion of indefinite non committal promises. It is because Mr. Laurier is leader of the opposition, and would become premier if there was a change of parties in the House, that his utterances receive so much attention. If Joe Rymal was at this juncture leader of the opposition his utterances would receive as much attention minus the "great weight." Another reason they get much attention is the remembrance that his party were five years in power before; that the country never suffered as much as while under that administration, and there is now an anxiety to ascertain what that party have learned about government for Canada in the interval, but Mr. Laurier appears to throw no light on the perplexed question.

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